

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

ORDER OF ADOPTION

The board would like to announce that the Office of Administrative Law approved proposed changes to the board's regulation, section 1397.61(b) of Division 13.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, regarding the mandatory laws and ethics course requirement for license renewal. These changes are effective on January 19, 2007 and apply to all renewing psychologists whose license expiration date is January 2007 and thereafter. A licensee will no longer be required to take a four (4) hour course in laws and ethics, however, this option is still available for those who choose to take the course. The language is amended as follows:

§1397.61. Continuing Education Requirements.

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(b) Any person renewing or reactivating his or her license ~~on or after January 1, 2000~~ shall ~~provide written evidence of completion of a continuing education course of no less than four hours in length~~ certify under penalty of perjury to the Board of Psychology as requested on the application for license renewal, that he or she has obtained training in the subject of laws and ethics as they apply to the practice of psychology in California, for each license renewal cycle. ~~This course~~ The training shall cover ~~include recent changes/updates on the laws and regulations related to the practice of psychology; recent changes/updates in ethics codes and practice; the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* published by the American Psychological Association; current accepted standards of practice; and application of ethical principles in the independent practice of psychology; and other applications of laws and ethics as they affect the licensee's ability to practice psychology with safety to the public.~~ Training pursuant to this section may be obtained in one or more of the following ways:
(1) Formal coursework in laws and ethics taken from an accredited educational institution;
(2) Approved continuing education course in laws and ethics;
(3) Workshops in laws and ethics;
(4) Other experiences which provide direction and education in laws and ethics including, but not limited to, grand rounds or professional association presentation.
~~It is the responsibility of each licensee to certify, under penalty of perjury, to the completion of this course to the Board of Psychology as indicated on the license renewal application.~~

If the licensee chooses to apply a specific continuing education course on the topic of laws and ethics to meet the foregoing requirement, such a course must meet the content requirements named above, must comply with section 1397.60(c) of this Article, and may be applied to the 36 hours of approved continuing education required in Business and Professions Code section 2915(a).

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Authority cited: Sections 2915(g) and 2930, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 29 and 2915, Business and Professions Code.